(b) if so, the number of small and medium towns in each State of the country; and

(c) the percentage of unemployed persons assessed in these towns in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) have released latest data on employment and unemployment situation in cities and towns in India pertained to the year July 1999-June 2000 (NSS 55th round).

(b) A Statement showing the number of small and medium towns in the country, State-wise, as per 1991 census is placed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 195 Annexure No. 31]

(c) A detailed Statement as provided by NSSO is placed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 195 Annexure No. 32]

Possession of DDA flats

†3072. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of completion of the construction of thousands of residential dwellings by DDA, allottees have not taken possessions thereof;

(b) if so, the total number of such dwellings till March, 2001; and

(c) the total amount spent for the construction thereof and the reasons for not taking possession of these dwellings by the allottees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Delhi

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Development Authority has reported that on receipt of report about completion of civil work and provision of basic amenities, a computerized draw is held. Thereafter, Demand-cum-Allotment letters are sent to the successful registrants requiring them to deposit the demanded amount and the requisite documents. The possession of flats is handed over after the receipt of demanded amount and the requisite documents with in the stipulated period.

However, in some cases, the offers of allotment had to be cancelled as the allottees either did not make the payment in time or did not fulfil the terms and conditions of allotment or did not accept the allotment. All such cancelled/surrendered flats are re-allotted to the wait-listed registrants through computerized draw.

Population residing in small and medium towns

†3073. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people in the country are living in small and medium towns;

(b) if so, the total number of small and medium towns and the total number of people residing in these towns;

(c) whether any target has been fixed to generate new employment opportunities in these towns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) As per 1991 Census, there are 4565 small and medium towns in the country

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